Supplementary Grants.

1. Contribution to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research—Rs. 5,000.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 5,000 to meet the contribution to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. This Council has among its members both British Indian Provinces and Indian States. Mysore and Baroda have already joined the Council. If we join the Council the benefits that we get are first, they will give us expert advice on any scheme that we might place before them and secondly, they will also contribute towards the cost of any scheme of All-India importance which might be accepted by the Board. In other words, if the Cochin State has got any agricultural scheme, say, the production of sugar, which might be of all-India importance, the Council of Agricultural Research will grantus a proportionate contribution. These two definite advantages there are if we join the Council. Two Indian States have already joined and it is proposed that we may also join the Council. The Head office is at Delhi. We should pay them a lakh of rupees. Since we cannot find funds all at once we can spread the payment over 20 years. It is towards the first instalment of the contribution that the grant of Rs. 5,000 is proposed to be moved at present. If any further information is required I shall be only too glad to supply it.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—How does this Rs. 5,000 come?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is the contribution fixed for each member. There is no distinction between large and small States because the advice and contribution are irrespective of the size of the State.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are the States joining the Council voluntarily?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Absolutely voluntarily. The Diwan met Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya and he had a talk with him. But it is absolutely voluntary.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Have we to meet any other recurring expenditure?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have only to pay this lakh of rupees.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who will be the Member on the committee there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We can send three members. There are two bodies attached to this, one the Governing Body and the other an Expert Body. To the Governing Body we can send a member of the Government and to the Expert

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Body two Agricultural Experts, the Chief Agricultural Officer and one of the Veterinary Officers or any other officer like that.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is it necessary that the member of the Governing Body should be a member of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, I shall read from a letter that Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya wrote to the Diwan in this connection:—

"With reference to our conversation of yesterday I send you herewith a copy of a little Blue Book which contains information regarding the constitution of the Council.

Mysore and Baroda have each made a donation of a lakh of rupees to the Council's funds, the sum being payable in 20 equal annual instalments of Rs. 5,000. I presume Cochin would like to follow a similar plan. In return for this the Cochin State will have all the rights and privileges of a British Province and will be entitled to send a member of its Government to the Governing Body and two of its scientific officers, usually the Chief Agricultural Officer and the Chief Veterinary Officer to the Advisory Board. Perhaps in your case so far as the Governing Body is concerned you might say that the Diwan of the State or an officer of the Government deputed by him would represent you on the Governing Body.—It will save delay if you give the names of your representatives for both the Governing Body and the Advisory Board in the letter asking for admission to the Council.

Admission to the Council also gives you a right to get free advice from the officers of the Council as well as eligibility for receiving grants from the Council for schemes approved by the Advisory Board and the Governing Body".

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Who will bear the T. A. of the Members?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Our Government.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Have these members any voice in the working of the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—So our expenditure will not stop with this one lakh?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Apart from that there will be the recurring expenditure of the T. A.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether they have got a copy of the instructions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, there is a blue book.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government perused it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. Rules are issued by the Board. From Cochin we can send one Member to the Governing Body. I shall read a portion from the blue book on Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.

The Ministers of Agriculture for the time being or the members of the Governor's Executive Council in charge for the time being of the portfolio of Agriculture in Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the United Provinces, the Punjab, Burma, Bihar and Orissa, the Central Provinces, Assam, the Northwest Frontier Provinces.

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The member of the Society elected by the Council of State.

The two members of the Society elected by the Legislative Assembly.

The member of the Society representing the European business community elected by the Associated Chambers of Commerce of India and Ceylon.

The member of the Society representing the Indian business community elected by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Two members of the Advisory Board to be elected by the Board in such manner as the Society may decide.

Sir Frank Noyce appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council.

And such other persons as His Excellency the Governor-General-in Council may from time to time appoint. The Chairman of the Society for the time being shall be ex-officio Vice Chairman of the Governing Body.

Should any Minister of Agriculture or member of a Governor's Executive Council in charge of the portfolio of Agriculture be prevented from attending a meeting of the Governing body, the Local Government concerned shall be at liberty to nominate a substitute to take his place at that meeting of the Governing Body. Such substitute shall have all the rights and privileges of a member of the Governing Body for that meeting only.

Then it goes on with the powers of the Governing Body, the Proceedings of the Governing Body, etc. Then the Advisory Board: The Advisory Board of the Society shall consist of the following:—

The vice-Chairman of the Society.

The two members of the Society appointed by the Government of India as whole time expert advisers.

Director for the time being of the Pusa Research Institute.

Director for the time being of the Imperial Institute of Veterinary Research, Muktesar.

Director for the time being of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

The Directors of Agriculture for the time being in Madras, Bombay Bengal, etc., etc.

I shall place the book on the table so that the members may peruse it.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Are there only three constituent State members in this ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether this contribution of one lakh is the minimum?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, it is the minimum.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—May I request the President to postpone the consideration for to-morrow so that the Members may peruse the book?

Deputy President.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—If we pay this five thousand rupees and if we find it profitless, can we back out? Are we bound to pay the balance?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think there is any obligiation.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is the party not bound to pay?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Why should we? When we cease to be a member naturally we do not pay.

Deputy President.—Then we shall take this to-morrow.

Point of Order:—re: Statement of Expenditure.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, I rise on a point of order. Standing Order No. 57 has not been complied with by the Government. The S. O. runs as follows:—"If the Government exercise the power conferred by section 16(8) and (9) of the Regulation in regard to demands refused or reduced by the Council, the Finance Member shall, as soon as may be thereafter, lay on the table of the Council a statement showing the action taken by the Government together, in case of action under section 16(8), with a copy of the declaration made by the Diwan, but no motion may be made in regard to that action". In the last budget session the General Administration Demand was thrown out. No statement was placed by the Government with reference to that. The S. O. has not, therefore, been complied with. So no expenditure under General Administration should have been incurred by the Government till this Standing Order has been complied with.

Deputy President.—What is the opinion of the Law Member?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I find that there is such a rule. If the Hon'ble Member has no objection this matter may be taken up to-morrow so that I may ascertain the practice and why it was not placed. Any way it does not stand in the way of to-day's business.

Deputy President.—Then we shall take it to-morrow.

Supplementary Grants—(*cont.*)

2. 4—Co operative Societies—Miscellaneous—Rs. 1,000.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under 4—Co-operative Societies. The amount is required to pay an honorarium to Mr. Devadhar who has been asked to conduct an equiry into the working of the co-operative societies in the State and report.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—When is his work to begin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He visited the State in connection with another conference. But this work will be begun in right earnest only a month or two hence.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, my motion is:

To reduce Rs. 1,000 under Co-operative Societies—Miscellaneous—by Re. 1.

To include Kunnamkalam Y. M. C. A. Co-operative Society in the list of the societies to be enquired into.

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